## Abstract of the disclosure

The invention relates to a method and an apparatus for remotely controlling device, more particularly to a system and 5 method for controlling locomotives in a railway environment using radio frequency signals. This invention makes use of a programming unit (OPP) address remote operator to set information in the transmitter unit via a communication channel such as an infrared link. The use of the operator programming 10 unit allows eliminating the need to open the casing of the transmitter during programming thereby reducing the probability of damaging the electrical components of the transmitter. allows assigning a unique address invention also transmitter/receiver pair in a remote control system. 15 invention further provides an apparatus for remotely programming a transmitter unit.